

Opportunity to Comment on Amending Permit for Vegetation Management Project

The Ozark-St. Francis National Forests has prepared an environmental assessment for the Amending Permit for Vegetation Management Project. This project proposes to amend a special use permit for vegetation management to allow the application of selected herbicides along a pipeline right-of-way across the Boston Mountain and Mt. Magazine Ranger Districts. The project is in Crawford, Franklin, Logan, and Washington Counties, Arkansas and encompasses 13.75 miles of single-pipeline ROW and 3.57 miles of dual-pipeline ROW, all approximately 60-feet wide and totaling approximately 126 acres on Forest Service System land. The proposed project is in response to a special use request and is subject to the pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. The proposed project is available on-line at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55775>. The EA and supporting documentation are also available for review at Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Supervisor's Office. Additional information regarding this project can be obtained from: Amanda Bataineh, 2591 HWY 21 N, Clarksville, AR 72830, Office: 479-754-2864, amanda.bataineh@usda.gov. **How to Comment and Timeframe:** The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in The Courier in Russellville, Arkansas. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments (36 CFR §218.2) regarding the proposed project or activity during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection (36 CFR §218.24(b)(6)). For issues to be raised in objections, they must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit written comments on a proposed project or activity. The time period for the opportunity to comment on a proposed project or activity to be documented with an environmental assessment shall not be extended. It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure that their comments are received in a timely manner. Written comments must be submitted to: Forest Supervisor, 605 West Main, Russellville, AR 72801. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a common digital format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc, .docx) to comments-southern-ozark-stfrancis@usda.gov. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request (36 CFR §218.24(b)(8)). Please state "Amending Permit for Vegetation Management Project" in the subject line when providing electronic comments, or on the envelope when replying by mail.